



# AGELESS WONDERS

*Celebrating Senior Program at CAO of WNY*

Featuring

**Yvonne Hairston**

**Jean Woods**

**Stacia McBride**

**Elizabeth Pringle**

and

**Vicente Rondón**



## **ABOUT FILM:**

"Ageless Wonders" is set in Buffalo, NY, where elderly individuals from the Black community participate in Vicente Rondon's negative photography workshop as part of the Senior Program at CAO of WNY. Beyond mastering the art of capturing and printing large-format photographs, participants engage in profound dialogues with Rondon about life, memory, and the past, resulting in evocative portraits. Directed by Mani Mehrvarz, this film bridges generational divides and shines a light on a city in transformation.

### **Welcoming**

*Time: 10:30 AM*

*Speaker: Kyra Essue*

### **Remarks**

*Speakers:*

**Hon. Craig D. Hannah**

**Thomas U. Kim**

**Dr. Mani Mehrvarz**

### **Screening**

*Time: 10:45 AM*

### **Featured Teasers:**

"Hearts and Badges" 2:30 min

"Healing at DART: A Methadone Odyssey" 2:30 min

**"Ageless Wonders"** 59 min

### **Final Remarks**

*Speaker: Yvonne Hairston*

### **Don't Miss the Photo Exhibition and Book Launch!**

*Time: 12:00 PM*

*Location: Second Floor*

**Exhibition: "Memento Vivere"**

**\*Refreshments Available\***

## LEADING VOICES:

**Jean Woods** resides in Buffalo. She dedicated herself to nursing, providing care and comfort to countless lives over 47 years. Although she's no longer working in the hospital, Jean's passion thrives in her vibrant garden, and she shares her heart with her local church community. She is an active member of the CAO senior program and maintains an eagerness to learn new things every day.

**Elizabeth Pringle** was born in the serene countryside of Angola, where she shared her childhood with her siblings. She served as the secretary of Erie County Foster Care Aid for 40 years. She has a deep passion for her family. Elizabeth's life serves as an inspiring example of hope and resilience in dealing with difficult moments.

**Stacia McBride**, a passionate chef and devoted mother, carries caregiving in her DNA. She currently serves as a CAO Senior Activity Aid. Stacia has fond memories of the city, dating back to the time when she worked as a bartender. While she tends to keep her emotions close, her heart is a treasure trove of love and kindness that she generously bestows upon her family and those she cares for.

**Yvonne Hairston** currently serves as the director of the Ageless Wonders Senior Program at CAO of WNY, and she is also a dedicated community activist. Her journey embodies leadership and compassion, inspiring us all. Yvonne's passion and dedication are a constant source of inspiration. With 50 years at CAO, she exemplifies unwavering commitment to making a difference. As Yvonne says, "You can't do CAO work without a heart."

and

**Vicente Rondón**, born in 1990 and based in Buffalo, NY, is a respected documentary and portrait photographer. Raised in Buffalo's vibrant west side, his family's commitment to community, education, and the arts greatly influenced him. Vicente discovered his love for photography between the ages of ten and twelve, and he pursued a specialized education in Photography at SUNY Buffalo State. Today, he combines his freelance visual storytelling work with his role as an Adjunct Photography Instructor at Daemen University, capturing powerful human expressions and moments in his leisure time.

## CREDITS

directed and edited by

**Mani Mehrvarz**

produced by

**Community Action Organization of Western New York**

co-produced by

**Thomas U. Kim**

director of photography and assistant producer

**Justin Sanchez**

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**Beacon Communities LLC**

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and

**Trinity Title & Abstract Corp.**

original music by

**Ethan Hayden**

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**Buffalo Documentary Project**

interviews by

**Vicente Rondón**

**Mani Mehrvarz**

music performed by

**Michael McNeill** Piano

**Katie Weissman** Cello

**Ethan Hayden** Trombone

music engineered by:

**Chris Jacobs**

credit music

**"Feeling Good"**

**Written by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse**

**Courtesy of Lionfish Music Group**

thank you

**Hon. Judge Craig D. Hannah, Brandi L. Haynes, Catherine Roberts, Kyra Essue, Dr. Maryam Muliasee, CAO of WNY Senior Support staff, CAO of WNY Adult Services Division, CAO of WNY Executive Leadership Team, Wesley Salter**

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